



ALL SET FOR PISTOIESE!

THE new Anglo-Italian Inter-League Semi-professional Tournament gets underway on Tuesday when the six English clubs receive their Italian opponents. Wycombe Wanderers, the Rothmans Isthmian champions, meet Pistoiese from Division 3 of the Italian League, at Loakes Park.

This competition, which sports a superb trophy (pictured left) and gold medals for the winners, has brought a good deal of interest into domestic non-league football. The top non-leaguers from each country meet on a home and away basis. The club from each country with the best record will meet in the final in Italy on June 20. Three points are awarded for a win and one for a draw.

Wanderers' two opponents are in Group B of the Italian League Division 3. Teramo, currently third in the table visit Loakes Park on May 19. The return legs in Italy are on June 12 and 16.

Tuesday's visitors Pistoiese are ninth from 20 clubs and have drawn more games than any other club in their division, 19 of their 31 matches. Obviously, defence is their strong suit and Wanderers may find it difficult to break through for goals.

Pistoiese were formed in 1921 and have been through all three divisions of the Italian League. They play in Pistoia which is 30 miles from Florence.

The Italians will fly from Milan to Heathrow on Monday and stay the night at the Richmond Hill Hotel in London. They will train

on Tuesday morning before travelling to the ground.

Rothmans have awarded £500 to each club as a sportsmanship incentive but clubs will lose £100 for each booking and £400 if a player is sent off during the competition. Obviously the cost of this competition is high and to help allay costs, a special handbook had been compiled and will be on sale on Tuesday.

Full preview in Tuesday's Mid-week.

ITALIAN LEAGUE DIV. 3 GROUP B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Rimini	30	20	7	3	41	13	47
Parma	30	14	11	5	35	18	39
Teramo	31	13	12	6	35	20	38
Lucchese	31	13	10	8	30	22	36
Arezzo	31	11	12	8	31	27	34
Livorno	31	12	10	9	31	30	34
Anconit'a	31	9	14	8	27	26	32
Masese	30	9	13	8	26	24	31
Pistoiese	31	6	19	6	21	24	31
Spezia	31	7	16	8	26	23	30
Giulian'a	31	9	12	10	25	23	30
Empoli	31	9	10	12	27	28	28
Pisa	31	8	18	8	18	24	28
Monteviar	31	18	8	3	16	27	28
Grosseto	31	9	9	13	27	35	27
Riccione	31	9	8	14	31	37	26
Chieti	31	7	11	13	15	20	25
Ravenna	31	7	11	13	21	32	25
Olbia	31	6	12	13	22	41	24
Sangiov	30	4	15	11	15	26	23